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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Binh X. Tran

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,11,12 and 16-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,13 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I (claims 1-4, 11-25) in the reply filed on 03-13-2006 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 5-10 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 03-13-2006.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 9 misses the period (".") at the end of the claim. The examiner suggest to insert a period "." at the end of the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
5. Claim 15-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 15, 19, 21 and 25 recite the limitation "the pixels" in claim 11. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 16-18 are indefinite because they directly or indirectly depend on indefinite claim 15.

Claim 20 is indefinite because it directly depends on indefinite claim 19.

Claims 22-24 are indefinite because they directly or indirectly depend on indefinite claim 21.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-2, 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poku et al. (US 5,756,885) in view of Maezono et al. (US 2004/0179193 A1).

Respect to claim 1 and 11, Poku discloses a method for evaluating the ability of a solvent to clean, the method comprising the step of:

conducting a drip test on a coated glass (Fig 3, col. 4);

optically scanning the glass panel into a computer to form a digital image of the glass panel surface (col. 3 lines 30-50);

evaluating the glass panel for cleanliness based on the digital image of the glass panel (Fig 3, col. 5-6).

Poku fails to disclose the step of placing a template behind the glass panel. In a method for inspection defect and debris, Maezono teaches to place a shield plate (22) behind the glass panel (3) (See Fig 1; Note: shield plate 22 read on applicant's template). Maezono further teaches to digitally accruing an image of the glass panel and the shield plate (see Fig 1-4, paragraph 0031-0033; 0041-0051). It would have

been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time of invention, to modify Poku in view of Maezono by placing a template behind the glass panel because it will enhance the contrast of the image.

Respect to claim 11, Maezono further disclose the digital image show the portion of the flaw or defect (such as debris area) of the glass panel (See Fig 6-7). It is obvious that the clean portion of the glass panel is the portion that does not have the debris. Respect to claims 2 and 12, Maezono discloses the shield plate 22 (i.e. the template) provides a contrasting solid color background for the digital image (paragraph 0032).

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 3-4, 13-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. Claim 15-25 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Respect to claims 3-4 and 13-14, the cited prior arts fail to disclose or suggest the step of processing the digital image to determine actual area of the glass panel cleaned by the drip test greater than a pre-specified value.

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh X. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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1469. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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